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GREEK FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY *Traditional Greek Foods, Music, Dancing Are Featured*

Jersey City -- Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs will proudly celebrate the annual **Greek Festival**, from **12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at Exchange Place**. This event is part of Jersey City's *Tapestry of Nations Ethnic Festival Series*.

"The Greek festival is a spectacular event which offers an array of exotic foods, mouth watering desserts and authentic Greek beverages that any marathon runner would savor," said **Mayor Healy**. "Along with the exquisite Greek cuisine, there will be live music and traditional dancing."

Sponsored by the two Greek Orthodox churches located in Jersey City, **Saint Demetrios and Evangelismos**, the festival brings together current and former residents of Jersey City and surrounding communities in the Metropolitan Area to enjoy a day of fond memories and old times, according to the Festival Planning Committee.

The annual Greek Festival is a way of expressing centuries old traditions and customs in an atmosphere in which the residents of Jersey City and Hudson County can participate and enjoy.

Traditional Greek foods such as souvlaki, moussaka, pastitsio and baklava will be available along with authentic Greek beverages. Organizers noted that a number of Greek-owned restaurants in Jersey City are donating foods for the festival, among them the VIP Diner, the Flamingo Restaurant, Stella's Pizza and Helen's Pizza.

In addition to the Greek food, cooked with authentic Greek recipes and all-natural ingredients, vendors will be offering arts & crafts, jewelry, handmade apparel and much more.

For more information about the Greek Festival, call (201) 451-3355 or the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.

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